

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 4-20 are pending in the present application. Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter with respect to claims 4, 6, 9 and 17. Applicants respectfully request entry of this after final amendment, given that the amendments are to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 1

Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the recitation of claim 4 with one change. The phrase "to thereby select one of the predetermined inner sampling rates which is higher than . . ." has been changed "to thereby select one of the predetermined inner sampling rates which is higher than or equal to" Support for this change is found throughout the specification, including at page 17, second paragraph. It is believed that claim 1, as amended, is in condition for allowance.

Claims 2, 5, 7, 10 and 11

Claims 2, 5, 7, 10 and 11 depend from claim 1. Applicants note that claim 5 has been amended to better claim the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2, 5, 7, 10 and 11 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claim 6

Applicants have amended claim 6 to place the claim in independent form. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 6 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 8 and 9

Applicants have canceled claim 8 without prejudice. Applicants have amended claim 9, which depended from claim 8, to place claim 9 independent form. Although claim 9 as amended

does not include the recitation of claim 8, it is still believed that claim 9 is in condition for allowance in view of its recitation.

Claim 12

Applicants have amended claim 12 to include the recitation of claim 4 with the one change discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 13 and 19

Claims 13 and 19 depend from claim 12. Applicants have amended claim 19 to better claim the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 13 and 19 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 14

Applicants have amended claim 14 to include the recitation of claim 4 with the one change discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 14 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 15 and 20

Claims 15 and 20 depend from claim 14. Applicants have amended claim 20 to better claim the invention. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 15 and 20 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 16 and 17

Applicants have amended claim 16 to incorporate the recitation of claim 17 with the one change discussed above and have correspondingly canceled claim 17. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 is in condition for allowance.

Claim 18

Applicants have amended claim 18 to incorporate the recitation of claim 17 with the one change discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

New claims 21 and 22

Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 21 and 22 are in condition for allowance for the reasons set forth above for claims 6 and 9 respectively.

In view of the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 892-5630 to discuss any steps necessary to place the application in condition for allowance.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. 393032034420.

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